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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO

I PAID A FAREWELL CALL THIS MORNING ON AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO, UTILIZING OCCASION TO INTRODUCE DCM WYMAN AND POL COUNSELOR CLARK-BOURNE. I EXPLAINED CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION SCHEDULE, FOR WHICH HE WAS GRATEFUL. WE REVIEWED TOGETHER THE STATUS OF MIDDLE LEVEL MANPOWER PROGRAM, FMG REQUESTS FOR FEED GRAINS PURCHASES, AND DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES UNDERWAY ON NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. JOLAOSO DISPLAYED INFORMED AND FRIENDLY ATTITUDES ON ALL COUNTS. HE IS ADDING AN OFFICER TO HIS WASHINGTON STAFF AND ANOTHER TO THE NEW YORK CONSULTE TO WORK SOLELY ON STUDENT AFFAIRS BUT RECOGNIZES THAT NEW DEMANDS MAY REQUIRE FURTHER AUGMENTATION OF STAFF. HE SAID THE FMG AT HIGHEST LEVEL SHARES US/UK FRUSTRATION WITH NUJOMA'S FOOTDRAGGING TACTICS. HE DID NOT ALLUDE TO REPORTED RECENT PASSAGE OF NUJOMA THROUGH LAGOS (LUSAKA'S 2059, WHICH I HAD NOT READ BEFORE OUR MEETING). WHEN I COMMENTED THAT OAU ESPOUSAL OF PATRIOTIC FRONT MIGHT ENCOURAGE SMITH TO TRY TO PACT WITH MUZOREWA AND/OR SITHOLE, HE SAID HE DOUBTED THIS WOULD HAPPEN AND RATHER THOUGHT THAT ONCE THE TWO OF THEM SAW HOW THINGS WERE "INSIDE" THEY WOULD GET THEM-SELVES BACK TOGETHER AGAIN WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE. JOLAOSO ASKED TWO QUESTIONS I COULD NOT ANSWER: WHO WILL REPRESENT THE US AT THE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE IN LAGOS, AND WHAT WILL BE THE PROBABLE WASHINGTON DATES FOR THE OBASANJO CONFIDENTIAL.

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STATE VISIT IN OCTOBER. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, ANY GUIDANCE ON THESE TWO QUESTION, HOWEVER TENTATIVE, WILL BE MOST WELCOME. COMMENT: YOU WILL LIKE JOLAOSO. HE IS ATTRACTIVE AND SMOOTH, EASY GOING AND JOVIAL, BRIGHT AND SOPHISTICATED. HE IS PROBABLY LESS OF AN ECONOMIST THAN SANU BUT CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE GENERALLY MORE FORCEFUL AND ENERGETIC. WE THINK HE WILL RUN A MORE EFFICIENT EMBASSY THAN HIS PREDECESSOR BUT WE ARE NOT SURE.

JOLAOSO ARRIVES NEW	YORK AUGUST 3, WASHINGTON SEVERAL DAYS
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